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SUBJECT: USG STATEMENT REGARDING DEATH OF FATHER CYPHER

1. EMBASSY HAS PREFERRED TO AVOID UNDUE PUBLICITY FOR ITS DEMARCHES TO GOH ON DEATH OF FATHER CYPHER AS PROPER DIPLOMATIC COURSE OF ACTION AND TO AVOID FURTHER UNSETTLING OF A VERY FRAGILE DOMESTIC SITUATION AT A TIME OF RISING PASSIONS. OUR PUBLIC SILENCE, HOWEVER, HAS BEEN MISINTERPRETED AS INDIFFERENCE BY THE UNINFORMED.

2. THE EMBASSY SUGGESTS, THEREFORE, THAT THE DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZE IT TO ISSUE THE FOLLOWING BRIEF STATEMENT IF AND WHEN WE DEEM IT DESIRABLE:

" THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES HAS RECEIVED WITH DEEP REGRET AND CONCERN CONFIRMATION BY THE GOVERNMENT OF HONDURAS OF THE DEATH THROUGH VIOLENCE OF AN AMERICAN CITIZEN, FATHER MICHAEL JEROME CYPHER, STATIONED IN THE PROVINCE OF OLANCHO. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES HAS REQUESTED OF THE GOVERNMENT OF HONDURAS A FULL ACCOUNTING OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING HIS DEATH AND THAT THOSE PROVEN TO BE RESPONSIBLE BE BROUGHT SPEEDILY TO JUSTICE".

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